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SUBJECT: WIRE SERVICE REPORTING ON SOUTHERN CONE MEETINGS AND
US POLICY TOWARD CHILE

REF: (A) SANTIAGO 4739, (B) MONTEVIDEO 2271

1. ASSOCIATED PRESS DIRECTOR BUENOS AIRES DISCUSSED BACKGROUND
OF HIS STORIES ON SOUTHERN CONE MEETINGS AND US POLICY ON CHILE
WITH EMBOFF JUNE 9. CONVERSATION WAS ON BASIS OF OLD FRIENDSHIP
WITH EMBOFF, AND MUST BE PROTECTED.

2. AP FIRST HEARD OF PROPOSED SOUTHERN CONE MEETING THROUGH
LEAK, PERHAPS DELIBERATE, FROM COLOMBIAN FONMINISTRY
TO AP STRINGER IN BOGOTA. CONFIRMATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION WERE OBTAINED FROM SOURCES IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
AND CABLED TO BUENOS AIRES, WHERE STORY WAS CONSOLIDATED.
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3. REPORT ON SUPPOSED USG CONSIDERATION OF MAKING CHILE
EXAMPLE FOR LATIN AMERICANS, TO CONVINCE THEM OF USG
SERIOUSNESS, WAS BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH SEVERAL SOURCES
WHO ATTENDED IDB MEETING IN GUATEMALA. ORIGINAL AP TEXT
CLEARLY LABELED IT AS RUMOR, AND SAID USG "MIGHT" DECIDE
TO FOLLOW SUCH A POLICY. AP DIRECTOR AGREED THAT SOURCES

MIGHT HAVE ARRIVED AT CONSLUSION THAT USG MIGHT SELECT CHILE FOR ATTACK BECAUSE IT SEEMED LOGICAL, RATHERN THAN UPON STATEMENTS BY ANY USG OFFICIAL. HE DOES NOT INTEND TO PURSUE THAT ASPECT OF STORY UNLESS SOLID EVIDENCE DEVELOPS.

4. MORNING JUNE 10, AP DIRECTOR TOLD EMBOFF BY TELEPHONE THAT HE HAS RECEIVED REPORT FROM MONTEVIDEO AP STRINGER WHICH "COVERS ANOTHER MEETING AT A LOWER LEVEL" OF SOUTHERN CONE OFFICIALS. IT APPEARS HE MAY HAVE ACCURATE REPORT OF RECENT MEETING OF SOUTHERN CONE GENERALS IN MONTEVIDEO. STORY WILL BE PUT OUT PROBABLY TODAY, BUT UNDER BUENOS AIRES DATELINE TO PROTECT MONTEVIDEO AP PERSONNEL.

5. AP DIRECTOR HAD ALSO SEEN DENIAL OF URUGUAYAN FONMIN ROVIRA (REFTEL B) THAT ROVIRA KNEW NOTHING OF PROPOSED FON MINISTERS' MEETING IN ASUNCION. APPARENTLY BASED ON HIS SOURCES IN MONTEVIDEO, AP DIRECTOR STATED FLATLY THAT ROVIRA WAS LYING.
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